

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 503  
By Gilbert

A RESOLUTION to commend Chris Matthews for his exemplary work as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, legislative interns play an important role in the legislative process, enabling the members to serve their districts and the General Assembly better; and

WHEREAS, Chris Matthews has distinguished himself as one such model individual through his tireless work as a legislative intern for Senator Bud Gilbert, his efforts resulting in untold benefits for the members he served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born on January 26, 1975, he is a native of Jefferson County and a distinguished graduate of Jefferson County High School, where he is fondly remembered by everyone who was fortunate enough to come in contact with him; and

WHEREAS, a popular and highly regarded student at the University of Memphis, Chris has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a senior, he is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Environmental Science, and hopes to pursue a legal career; and

WHEREAS, he has compiled an exceptional 3.72 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Chris is also a member of the prestigious Golden Key National Honor Society and has been on every Dean's List since he became a student at UM; and

WHEREAS, a devout and active member of Kirby Woods Baptist Church, he is a member of the Baptist Student Union and is on the church's College Council; and

WHEREAS, Chris has been highly praised by his employers, including Progressive Services and Dandridge Home Furniture, in White Pine; and

WHEREAS, during the 1996 legislative session, he exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Chris brought many skills to the State Capitol for the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he was always willing to stay and work long hours in order to get needed work completed in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, with the firm realization that any “true” conservative should always dress conservatively, it was very hard for him to adopt the “liberal” concept of Friday as “casual day”; and

WHEREAS, anxious to get to work at the earliest possible moment, he skipped breakfast most days; and

WHEREAS, he has performed many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and intelligence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Chris Matthews for his excellent service as a legislative intern and wish him much success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.